

Amendments to the claims

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of claims:

1. (Canceled)

2. (Canceled)

3. (Canceled)

4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently Amended) A cargo tie-down system comprising, in combination, a tie down device comprising a tie-down strap and a locking mechanism to tension said strap, and a housing ~~for~~ when in use enclosing said locking mechanism and ~~for~~ securing any excess tie-down strap formed after tensioning said strap with said locking mechanism, said housing comprising a sack having a volume sufficient to contain said excess tie-down strap, and a generally flat portion adapted to contain said locking mechanism, said sack being foldable upon said flat portion and securable thereon.

6. (Original) The cargo tie-down system of claim 5, wherein said generally flat portion comprises a pair of spaced slits through which said tie-down strap is threaded.

7. (Currently amended) The cargo tie-down system of

claim 5, wherein said generally flat portion has opposite free ends, and wherein when in use, said opposite free ends are ~~adapted to be~~ folded onto one another to enclose said sack.

8. (Currently amended) The cargo tie-down system of claim 5, wherein said generally flat portion has opposite free ends, and wherein when in use, said opposite free ends are ~~adapted to be~~ folded onto one another to enclose said locking mechanism.

9. (Previously presented) The housing of claim 6, wherein one of said slits is spaced inwardly of said sack.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Cancelled)

12. (New) A cargo tie-down system comprising, in combination, a tie down device comprising a tie-down strap and a locking mechanism to tension said strap, and a housing comprising a central portion for receiving said locking mechanism, a first flap extending from said central portion, a sack extending from said central portion opposite said first flap, a second flap extending from said central portion adjacent said first flap, and a third flap extending from said central portion opposite said second flap, said first, second and third flaps and said sack being foldable upon said central portion.